presence of CO_2 adjacent said distal end may be detected when the tube is inserted into a patient.

5. (Amended) The feeding tube of claim 4, said tube presenting a proximal end, said bifurcated body presenting a pair of tubular legs, one of said legs secured to said proximal end, the other of said legs in communication with the interior of said tube.

7. (Amended) A feeding tube and end-tidal CO_2 detecting machine combination comprising:

an elongated patient feeding tube presenting a distal end adapted for insertion into a patient and a proximal portion designed to remain outside the patient; and

an end-tidal CO_2 detecting machine operably coupled with said proximal portion of said tube so that the presence of CO_2 adjacent said distal end may be detected when the tube is inserted into a patient.

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